

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 279

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Charlie Garant of
Greene County on the occasion of his
retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Garant is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for many years as the address coordinator for Greene County 911 Dispatch, a position from which he has recently taken his much-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, known for his good humor and deep baritone voice, Mr. Garant, who grew up in north Georgia, spent the early years of his career as a radio announcer, working at stations in Tennessee, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as radio transitioned into a more computerized format, Charlie Garant grew disenchanted with disc jockeying and began to look for a new career path to follow; and

WHEREAS, his search led him to Greene County 911 Emergency Communications in August 1993. For several years, he worked as a dispatcher, and his distinct baritone voice became a staple of the emergency airwaves, drawing people to listen to the scanner just to hear Mr. Garant's voice; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Charlie Garant took over the position of address coordinator, which required him to travel throughout the county and interact with the public in order to keep addresses up to date in the 911 database. Mr. Garant remained the address coordinator for Greene County 911 Dispatch until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Garant enjoyed the love and support of his wife Evelyn for fifty-five years until her death in 2012; he is the proud father of Rhonda Craft; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Garant exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Charlie Garant has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we extend to Charlie Garant our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.